

--14. (New) An information recording medium comprising an electronic information storing circuit part, a base material and an ink receiving layer in this order, further comprising a barrier layer,

wherein the barrier layer is provided between the electronic information storing circuit part and the ink receiving layer so as to prevent an ink applied to the ink receiving layer from reaching the electronic information storing circuit part.

A1 15. (New) The information recording medium according to claim 14, wherein the barrier layer has an air permeability of at least 300 sec/100 cc as measured in accordance with JIS P 8177 (Gurley air permeability testing method).

16. (New) The information recording medium according to claim 14, wherein the barrier layer has a thickness of 0.5 to 20  $\mu\text{m}$ .

17. (New) An information recording medium comprising an electronic information storing circuit part, a base material and an ink receiving layer in this order,

wherein the ink receiving layer is thick enough to prevent an ink applied to the ink receiving layer from reaching the electronic information storing circuit.

18. (New) An information recording medium comprising an electronic information storing circuit part, and an ink receiving layer in this order, further comprising a barrier layer,

wherein the barrier layer is provided between the electronic information storing circuit part and the ink receiving layer so as to prevent an ink applied to the ink receiving layer from reaching the electronic information storing circuit part.

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19. (New) The information recording medium according to claim 18, wherein the barrier layer has an air permeability of at least 300 sec/100 cc as measured in accordance with JIS P 8177 (Gurley air permeability testing method).--

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